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SUBJECT: NEW LAND USE DECREE: THE OYO OBAS NOW SAY YES

REF: (A) LAGOS 4753, (B) LAGOS 4732, (C) LAGOS 4663

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, THE OBAS OF OYO STATE HAVE NOW WITHDRAWN THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE FMG'S LAND USE DECREE. PRESS REPORTS SAY THAT THE TRADITIONAL RULERS MET IN IBADAN ON APRIL 14 IN A CLOSED DOOR SESSION TO CONSIDER THE SITUATION. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING, A COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED STATING:

"AFTER REASONED CONSIDERATION OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE DECREE AND IN VIEW OF THE MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION OFFERED BY THE STATE GOVERNOR, TRADITIONAL RULERS IN OYO STATE HAVE AGREED TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT."

THE COMMUNIQUE, WHICH WAS SIGNED BY THE ALAFIN OF OYO, OBA LAMIDI ADEYEMI, CONCLUDED THAT THE "CONTROVERSY OVER THE LAND USE DECREE IS BURIED."

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2. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO DIRECT INFORMATION ON WHAT BROUGHT ABOUT THE OBA'S RECONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUE, BU WE CAN IMAGINE THAT THEY CAME UNDER VERY HEAVY PRESSURE FROM THE FMG TO REVERSE THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE DECREE. IN THEIR COMMUNIQUE, THE TRADITIONAL RULERS CALLED UPON THE FMG TO ADMINISTER THE DECREE "IN SUCH A WAY AS TO INVOLVE (TRADITIONAL RULERS) TO

ENSURE RESPECT FOR THEIR TRADITIONAL POSITION." WE
WOULD NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE OBAS
RECEIVED SOME FORM OF INFORMAL ASSURANCE THAT THEIR
VIEWS WOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN RETURN
FOR THEIR RETRACTION OF OVERT OPPOSITION TO THE DECREE.
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